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) Group Art Unit: 3677

) Examiner: Thomas Ho

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the following information is brought to the Examiner's attention.

The following two documents were cited in an Official Letter recently issued by the German Patent Office in connection with a corresponding foreign application. A copy of the Official Letter is enclosed. An English-language translation of the Official Letter is also enclosed.

German Offenlegungsschrift No. 197 02 420. An English-language abstract of this document is attached for the Examiner's convenience.

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the foregoing information and to acknowledge such consideration by initialling, signing and returning the enclosed additional copy of form PTO-1449.

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